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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JULY 14, 1978 SENT
SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR H; PLEASE REPEAT TO GENEVA FOR
SECRETARY'S PARTY AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: JOHN DAVIES AND THE HELMS AMENDMENT

1. IN A SEPARATE CABLE WE HAVE REPORTED JOHN DAVIES'
REMARKS JULY 13 ABOUT THE HELMS AMENDMENT AND THE EFFECT
ITS SUCCESS WOULD HAVE ON THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.
DAVIES ALSO TOLD US THAT SENATORS HELMS AND HAYAKAWA
HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY
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(PROFESSOR JOHN HUTCHINSON OF UCLA) AND HAVE URGED HIM
TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO HELP IN THE CAMPAIGN ON THE
AMENDMENT. IN THAT FIRST CONVERSATION, EMBASSY OFFICER
UNDERTOOK TO FIND OUT THE STATUS OF THE AMENDMENT.

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT (LANPHER),
EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED DAVIES JULY 14, REPORTING THAT

THE BILL WOULD NOT COME TO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE UNTIL THE WEEK OF JULY 24, AND DESCRIBING THE STATE OF THE BILL IN THE HOUSE. EMBASSY OFFICER SAID THAT WHILE HE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WERE MANY DIFFERENT PRESSURES ON DAVIES, IT WOULD NOT SEEM ADVISABLE FOR A SHADOW FOREIGN SECRETARY TO GO TO WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF AN AMENDMENT WHICH THE AMERICAN EXECUTIVE OPPOSED. DAVIES SAID HE ACCEPTED THE POINT, AND WHILE HE EXPECTED PHONE CALLS FROM HELMS AND HAYAKAWA TODAY, HE NEVERTHELESS PLANNED TO KEEP HIS OPTIONS OPEN.

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